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TO : Assistant Deputy Director for Plans

VIA : Chief [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: Amendment to Project [REDACTED] Budget for FY 1972

1. Project [REDACTED] provides financial support to the Democratic Radical Party of Chile (PDR), a small democratic splinter which broke away from the social-democratic Radical Party of Chile (PR) prior to the 1970 presidential elections. The 40 Committee approved total assistance to the PDR in the amount of [REDACTED]. Of this amount [REDACTED] was included in the FY 1972 Project Renewal approved on 28 July 1971. The [REDACTED] requested in the [REDACTED] amendment request provides additional funds for support of the PDR from the [REDACTED] originally authorized by the 40 Committee.

2. During the July 1971 by-elections in Valparaiso and the January 1972 by-elections in Chile's O'Higgins and Colchagua provinces the PDR was observed to be effective in persuading its members not to vote for Popular Unity candidates and to vote for candidates in opposition to the Popular Unity Movement. In other instances throughout 1971 the PDR conducted actions indicating that while it is a small party, it is a vital part of the political opposition in Chile and merits our support. I therefore recommend approval of the attached amendment request.

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Acting Chief  
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